

EPIDEMIOLOGIST I

PUBLIC HEALTH-SEATTLE & KING COUNTY
Prevention Division/Tuberculosis Control Program
Hourly Rate Range \$25.26 - \$32.02
Job Announcement No.: 04MH4575TLT
OPEN: 9/8/04 CLOSE: 9/22/04

WHO MAY APPLY: This Term Limited Temporary (TLT) position is open to qualified candidates.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials must be sent to: Employment Services, 999 3rd Avenue, Suite 600, Seattle, WA 98104. Applications materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. (Postmarks are NOT ACCEPTED.) Contact Holly Wollaston at (206) 731-2195 for further inquiries. PLEASE NOTE: Applications not received at the location specified above may not be processed. Application materials may be faxed to (206) 296-4597.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: A King County application form, data sheet, resume and letter of interest detailing your background and describing how you meet or exceed the requirements are required.

WORK LOCATION: Tuberculosis Clinic, Harborview Medical Center, 325 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA.

WORK SCHEDULE: This TLT position is overtime eligible. It works a 20 hour work week; Monday through Friday; some rotating evenings and weekends.

DURATION: This Term-Limited Temporary position is benefit eligible and has an expiration date of 9/1/07.

PRIMARY JOB FUNCTIONS INCLUDE: This position is designed to work as a member of a multidisciplinary outbreak team to find active and latent cases of TB among the immigrant population of Seattle/King County from the East African horn. The responsibilities of this position include the following: Provide analysis and evaluation to the Outbreak team. Present epidemiological data to the Outbreak team and the TB Controller. Design, maintain and monitor major surveillance and control systems for the Outbreak. Communicate with outbreak team (interdisciplinary health team, resident physicians, students and interagency services), healthcare providers, community organizations and the public. Oversee data management, including quality assurance, from case investigations and disease report. Assist community providers in managing suspect and active TB cases and latent TB infections. Identify causative agents or conditions resulting in outbreak investigations. Initiate and conduct evaluation projects and monitor performance measures. Prepare regular reports for TB case management and investigation, as well as performance measures. Make presentations on TB findings in conjunction with other TB staff. Propose and/or initiate corrective action or epidemiological investigations. Assist in conducting field investigations. In conjunction with the TB Control Officer, develop methodologies, procedures and reporting for case and index case investigations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of health-related field with course work emphasizing epidemiology that is equivalent to a bachelor's degree in public health or closely related field.
- Knowledge of epidemiological and biostatistical principles and methods.
- Knowledge of medical or related scientific discipline.
- Knowledge of spreadsheets and database systems, statistical software and database management.
- Knowledge of epidemic and outbreak characteristics.
- Epidemiological knowledge of communicable diseases, chronic conditions and other public health issues.
- Knowledge of demography and characteristics of populations.
- Knowledge of medical and epidemiological terminology.
- Knowledge of applied research methods and techniques.
- Knowledge of public health intervention techniques and principles.
- Oral and written communications skills.
- Presentation, analytical and interpretative skills.
- Skill in translating medical information into clear and concise manner for non-technical audiences.
- Skill in working with diverse cultural and socio-economic populations.
- Skill in following research protocols without compromising confidentiality of information.
- Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships.
- Skill in working with the community partners, both medical and non-medical and the public.
- Skilled in infectious disease management, control and safety standards and personal safety techniques and principles.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in public health, epidemiology, behavioral sciences or a related field, or equivalent research and epidemiological experience.
- Knowledge of TB issues or infectious disease epidemiology is strongly preferred.
- Familiarity with diverse populations is strongly preferred.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- The selected candidate must pass a thorough background investigation and pre-employment physical.
- Employees are required to protect the privacy and security of protected health information as defined in State and Federal Law
- Washington State Drivers License or the ability to travel to work locations with limited or no public transportation services required.

UNION MEMBERSHIP: Local 21

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